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As you can see we had a great time and hope to do this more often. We are planning an expedition to the field in May of this year. We will have some soup and/or refreshments for everyone who shows up. Hope to see you at our next field outing.

Bill VE3XT



Beargrease has been postponed to March 10.

(FYI - Mush for a Cure is scheduled for Saturday March 9.)

The Board of Directors decided, for the safety of all involved, to postpone the race to March 10th. With the lack of snow, the rain, and now the deep freeze, the trail has taken a beating. There isn't good snow anywhere along the trail, so this decision makes the best sense.

So, with the date change, I'm hoping you all can still be a part of the race.

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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to ve3snw@shaw.ca

Nets in the Thunder Bay Area

Sunday AMETHYST ARES VHF NET, on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9031 @ 0045Z (7:45 pm), also Cook County ARES Response Team (CARRT) net at 0100Z (8 pm) on the BWARC repeater, Grand Portage repeater - 146.655 with CTCSS 151.4

Monday SATERN NET on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9032

SATERN DIGITAL NETS on **Monday & Wednesday** nights

8 pm- 14.065

9 pm- 7.065

10 pm- 3.5835

Mode :Olivia 8/500 1000Hz waterfall centre

Tuesday 2M/ LARC ARES NET on VE3YQT 147.060- @ 7:00PM ET, and after this net is the new THUNDER BAY ARES DIGITAL NET on PSK31 between 1000 & 2000 WATERFALL 145.050 FM mode @ 7:30PM (usually starts after the 2m/ ares net)

Every Day The NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO ARES NET , every evening at 8:15PM (local) on 80m 3.750Mhz (note the time does not change with daylight savings time.)

Any questions on these or other nets please feel free to contact me at my e-mail: ve3mxj@rac.ca

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

442.075 (+5 MHz)pl 100
144.390 APRS

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

North East Ontario Regional Directors Report for February, 2013

On February 15th, 16th and 17th the Directors, President Bawden and other Executive will meet in Ottawa for our annual meeting to discuss the future of Radio Amateurs of Canada. Now that RAC is out of the woods financially we want to ensure the future of the organisation both fiscally and on an operational basis.

I believe we have made all the cuts possible to reduce expenses and there are no more savings to be had so our task is to increase revenue for RAC. The first and most obvious way is to increase membership. I will be frank with you; it is a difficult sell to convince some Canadian Amateurs to join RAC. They have a million reasons why the membership is not worth the cost. Over the last few reports I have tried to list some reasons (including Insurance, Affiliated clubs, CEPT's, QSL Bureaus, Antenna interventions, (insert your own favourite here _____) and advocating for Amateur Radio to National, Provincial and Local governments.) Membership in RAC has value beyond TCA. I hope this may have convinced you to join RAC. And if you have joined thank you and would you consider asking a fellow Amateur to join as well. I envision a future of RAC where RAC will be a strong national voice representing all Canadian Amateurs who are also members of RAC. I hope you will be a part of this vision.

To obtain other sources of revenue the Directors will be recommending some thoughts to increase revenue in the future and after the meeting I will tell you about them. If you have an idea please send me an email.

We are also looking for input on changes to the way RAC is run from a governance point of view. What would you do to make RAC more in touch with its members and more importantly make it easier for members to be in touch with the executive. Remember when I get an email from someone saying "Someone should do (insert your idea here) and I always ask back, "Great can I call you somebody". If you propose an idea I hope you will help bring it to fruition. Speaking of how RAC is run, we are still looking for a Treasurer and other Executive positions. Have you just retired and have some skills that RAC can benefit from? Do you have a flair for fundraising or publicity? Send me an email and tell me.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca

Bill VE3XT

North East Ontario Regional Director
Radio Amateurs of Canada

A note from Marion Nawrocki VE3MJN

Dear Lakehead Amateur Radio Club Members,

Obviously, this is a difficult time for me and my family. No matter how much you might try and prepare yourself for something like this, you can never be fully prepared. I am grateful that Mike did not have to suffer for long. I am lucky also. I have a great family around me and friends to rely on.

In many ways, Mike was the front man for the two of us and my connections were most often via him and what he belonged to. I find it hard to describe in a short note what the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club meant to my husband. Mike loved ham radio. It truly was one of his passions in life. Whether he was talking to someone in a far-off country on Sunday morning downstairs in our basement, or working on one of the many events, (the Sibley Ski Tour, Conquer the Dog, Caribou Ride, Santa Shuffle, Santa Claus Parade) that the Radio Club had volunteered to assist with, he enjoyed doing it. Mike relished the opportunity to be involved, and to provide a service to people that he was knowledgeable about. Further, it was the chance to make connections with the people that brought him great joy.

Near the end some of you came to visit Mike at the hospital. I think particularly of Bill, Dick and Joan and my dear friend Pat. Those were always great visits, ones that brought happiness to Mike no matter how fleeting. I can never repay you for that generosity except say thank you. Along those lines, it came as quite a nice surprise to us that the club had decided to present dad with the special Senatorial certificate as a result of his years of service. Mike never needed acknowledgment; however, your timing was perfect.

Most impressively, it was amazing to see such a strong turnout for his funeral by members of the club, a very kind show of respect that I deeply appreciate. It brought great comfort to me and I know Mike would have been humbled by the gesture. I will be indebted to you all for that forever.

We kidded after the service, my family and I, that their interactions with you started more often, not with general introductions, but with call signs. "What your callsign?" or "I'm V E 3 ..." could be heard continuously throughout the pre-service conversation. I wouldn't have wanted it any differently. I think Mike would have liked that too.

You couldn't live in the Nawrocki household and not know Mike was VE3ZG. Similarly, you could never take Mike far from his radio or his involvement with the club. He cherished the friendships he had made with many of you and the work that you did together over the years.

Again, on behalf of my entire family, my most sincere thanks to all of you who attended the service on 1st of December, and to those who had Mike in their thoughts and prayers. Thank you all

Marion Nawrocki
VE3MJN

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Minutes for the Lakehead Amateur Radio
Club January 10th, 2013

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The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

Presentation

Wayne Rees VE3WSR of Wasaya Airlines
Wayne gave an excellent presentation on the VOIP system used by Wasaya to communicate between remote airports. This system is similar to Echolink and IRLP.

Treasurers report

Paul Curtin VA3PDC

Paul was unable to attend. A motion was made by George Dow VE3DOW to accept the report as published in Hi Q. The motion was seconded by Harvey Larabee VA3LHA. The motion Passed.

Meeting minutes Jeff Cederwall VE3JTD

A correction to the December minutes: The payment to Randy Gottfred VA3OJ was for a field day expense and not for a room rental. A motion was made by George Dow VE3DOW to accept the minutes as published in Hi Q. The motion was seconded by Lori Bedford VE3VAI. The motion passed.

ARES Brad Harris VE3MXJ

Brad was unable to attend. Karl Hamilton VE3RRP reports that there is nothing to report.

RAC Bill Unger VE3XT

Bill asks that any thoughts or ideas that people may have as to the direction that RAC should take in the coming years be directed to him.

CANWARN

Thunder Bay is under a freezing rain warning.

Public Service Norm Bell VE3XRC

The Sleeping Giant loppet will be taking place March 2nd, 2013

The Gichigami Express Sled Dog Race took place January 6-8, 2013. Some club members attended the event. They report they had a "Grand Time"

John Beargrease Dog sled race is taking place soon(March) anyone wishing to participate please contact Jerry Sivets KC0ZCO.

Trailer in storage

Repeater News

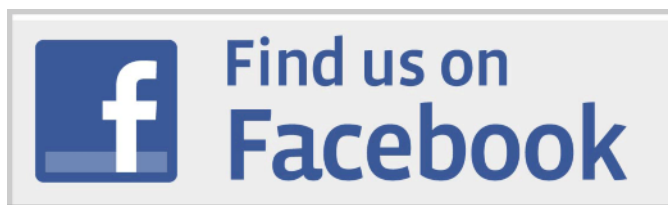
The APRS system is expected to be up and running in the very near future.

Annual supper meeting

This meeting will be taking place at **Chicago Joes**
April 11th, 2013

A moment of silence was held for Walter Baker VA3AEQ-SK

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

January 2013 Treasurers Report

Balance January 01 2013	1727.11
Income	
Total Income	0
Expenses	
Jan 10 Trailer cell phone	0.57
Jan 03 Randy Gottfried , field day supplies	69.79
Total Expenses	70.36
Balance January 31 2013	1656.75
Trailer Account	
Previous Balance	653.19
Income	
January 31 2013 Interest	0.06
Total 653.25	
Expenses	0
Total Expenses:	0
Balance in Trailer Account	653.25
Term Account	
Balance January 01 2013	2023.75
Interest January 09 2013	0.67
Balance January 31 2013	2024.42



A Reason to Like Music, the CBC and Morse Code

It will come as no surprise to most of you that I am a big fan of the CBC having worked there long ago and far away. It will also not be surprising that I am a big fan of CW. I even have my moments when I like to listen to some good music. So when I get too all at once bonus points.

Well I got to do all three recently when I was listing to a CBC program called "Under the Influence" hosted by Terry O'Reilly. He was recently talking about how commercial radio is still very influential and popular around the world.

The part of the program that I was particularly interested in was about solders in Columbia who were captive and the government could not send any messages to them. The captors did not know Morse Code but the solders did. The government imbedded a message in a song using Morse Code.

See if you can decode the message.


Here is the link to the web page where Terry tells the story of "Radio is Dead. Long Live Radio". Enjoy.

<http://www.cbc.ca/undertheinfluence/>

Bill VE3XT



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